

Dear Miss Sutherland  
and the entire board  
of the Newark Orphan Asylum  
High St. Newark, N.J. Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1913.

Dear Friends

In justice to you  
and my faithful Mary Cicheli  
I want to express my gratitude  
and sincere appreciation of  
the faithfulness of Mary

I have been going through  
deep waters of sorrow - sorrow  
to great joy tears -

I felt it was a strain on  
my Mary's nerves just to see  
me grieved - and for more  
than a month I tried to return  
her to you or get another one  
as take her to her sisters  
but Mary put her arms about  
me and said I will not



2<sup>d</sup> leave you - and so she is  
with me to-day and I  
am earnestly asking God  
to bless her for her faithfulness  
to me -

my married life of nineteen  
years was made up of  
bitter curses daily when alone  
~~with~~ my husband - Mother  
or Mary - for this reason

I told you at the time I wanted  
a child with me in my home  
my husband's threats 5 years  
I did not sign property to  
him - to finish me -  
and the last few years with  
fists raised cursing saying  
"if you don't die I'll put you  
where I can't <sup>get</sup> control of the money."  
I hearing this so long  
believed them foolish threats.



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until in September of this  
year a physician said to me  
your husband has every  
thing his way he can  
have you now taken out of  
your home any time and  
placed in an Asylum -

don't go home for money or  
clothes but leave the city at  
once and for fear of this  
threat being carried out

I did go away several times  
and when money gave out came  
back (foolishly) for rents -  
a few faithful friends have told  
me what Dr D - said -  
and now I do not know what  
how I will have my liberty  
taken away - I have so far not  
done one irrational thing you can  
imagine my grief - I cut my <sup>husband</sup>  
in my will to three thousand dollars  
with this plan carried out



My will will be broken  
and perhaps my faithful  
Mary not even get the  
note mentioned in it for  
her at my passing away -  
no child of my arm could  
have stood by me more  
faithful than Mary Aichee  
and I cannot commend  
her to highly for this -  
I am writing this standing  
in doorway Mary holding  
bottle of ink - Tans telling  
you but to explain the cause  
of all these ink spots -  
also poor writing -  
to-day and all feeling my  
brain I had been perfectly clear -  
my property 290 Washington St have had  
offer of \$20.000 but \$400 Clinton offer of \$9.500.  
Satan's power is strong to-day  
but almighty God has power to overcome Satan  
in the final reckoning. Lucia Bausch Grim